

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the amendment filed October 14, 2005, Applicant amended Claim 1, added Claims 24 – 49 and cancelled Claims 2 – 23.

In the present amendment Applicant presents Claim 1 amended to incorporate the dependent Claim 32 for which there were no rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103. The present amendment includes further amendments to Claims 24 – 29, and 45 to remove terminology such as “said” and “means for” which allegedly introduced new matter. Claims 30–44 have been canceled. Claims 46-49 were added as new claims. Thus, Claims 1, 24 – 29, 45 – 49 are pending in the application. The Claims are now directed to use and features of the invention that are not disclosed by any cited references. Support for each amendment to the claims is set forth in detail below. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Support for all amendments to Claim 1 is found in paragraphs 0004, 0006, 0008, 0010, 0011, 0019, 0027, Figure 3 and Figure 4.

Support for the amendments to Claim 24 is found in paragraph 0008, 0023, and Figure 4.

Support for the amendments to Claim 25 is found paragraph 0028, lines 5-17, and in 35, 36, 12 Fig. 3.

Support for the amendments to Claim 26 is found paragraph 0004, 0008.

Support for the amendments to Claim 27 is found paragraph 0008, 0021.

Support for the amendments to Claim 28 is found paragraph 0024, and in original claim 5.

Support for the amendments to Claim 29 is found paragraph 0004, 0025.

Support for the amendments to Claim 45 is found paragraph 0020.

Support for Claim 46 is found paragraph 0004.

Support for Claim 47 is clearly found in Figures 2-4 and the detailed description

Support for Claims 48-49 is clearly found in the above referenced citations.

Claims 1, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 38, 40 and 41 were rejected under sec. 102b over Garand.

Claims 1, 24-31 and 33-44 were rejected under sec. 103 over Stephens and Clyde.

Claim 38 was rejected under sec. 103 over Stephens and Clyde in view of Kopman.

As previously mentioned, claim 1 was amended to incorporate the dependent Claim 32 for which there were no rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103. The present amendment includes further amendments to Claims 24 – 29, and 45 to remove terminology such as “said” and “means for” which allegedly introduced new matter. Claims 30– 44 have been canceled. Claims 46-49 are added as new claims. The Claims are now directed to use and features of the invention that are not disclosed by any cited references. Support for each amendment to the claims is set forth in detail listed above. No new matter is added by these amendments.

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that Claims 1,24-29, 45-49 be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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